

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply to the SFCA Grants Program?

Organizations who service the community through the implementation of programs and projects in the areas of arts, culture, history and/or the humanities.

As an individual artist can I apply to the grants program?

No. However, the Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program and the Individual Artist Fellowship Program service individual artists. Contact these programs directly for more information.

What does "Eligibility" mean?

An organization applying for a grant from the SFCA must meet specific statutory requirements as stated in Chapter 9 HRS in order to become eligible to apply to the SFCA Grants Program. In essence, an organization must make itself eligible in order to apply for a grant.

How does an organization establish its eligibility?

By meeting all application requirements as listed in page 3 of this form, and by submitting all evidence of eligibility in writing by the submission deadline.

Is there a deadline for eligibility and if there is, what is it?

Yes. The deadline for submission of eligibility documentation is the same as the application deadline, which is November 22, 2004. For this reason we advise all new applicants to establish eligibility prior to submission of your application. Please call the Contracts Officer for further information about eligibility.

What is the minimum award given by the SFCA? the maximum?

The SFCA will award grants \$1,000 and above. The funding limitation is that each grant may not exceed 5% of the total SFCA Biennium Grants Program budget within a given fiscal year.

How many applications can an organization submit?

An organization may submit not more than two applications in a given fiscal year. These may be two project grants applications or one Basic and one project grant application.

What kind of program activities does the SFCA fund?

You may review the activities listed under the Program Areas, i.e., Arts in Education, Community Arts, Heritage and Preservation, and Presentation to get a general idea of the kinds of projects that the SFCA will fund. Our most recent Annual Report will give you a more enhanced description of what is funded as well as the specific grant amount.

Can SFCA funds be used to build a new classroom at our facility?

No. Capital improvement projects are not allowed.

Can SFCA funds be used to pay off our bank loan? Credit cards? Taxes?

No.

What is a "Basic" proposal? What is a "Project" proposal?

A Basic proposal generally requests operational support for the organization, whereas a project proposal seeks support for a specific program or project of the organization.

What is the process for deciding who gets a grant from the SFCA?

After submission, the SFCA staff conducts a review of all applications. Following staff review, applications are reviewed by Peer Panelists from the community who are chosen on the basis of their expertise in their respective program areas. After review, the panelists make recommendations to the SFCA Commission, which has final approval on all funding decisions.

What is the Panel process?

The panel process is the competitive process through which all applications are reviewed based on current SFCA grant guidelines to determine which applications will be recommended to the SFCA Commission for funding.